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TAGS: EAIR, YO

SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV INVESTIGATION OF SEPT. 76 MID-  
AIRCOLLISION

REF: (A) BELGRADE 2956; (B) BELGRADE AIRGRAM A-76

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO  
DESIRES TO REVIEW THE SEPT. 76 MID-AIR COLLISION ACCIDENT  
INVESTIGATION REPORT WITH A VIEW TO INITIATING POSSIBLE  
LITIGATION IN BEHALF OF CLIENTS WHO LOST A RELATIVE IN  
THIS ACCIDENT. REQUEST EMB CONTACT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES  
IN THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION  
(DCA) TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR  
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NTSB SIGNIFICANTLY JEOPARDIZE FUTURE EXCHANGES OF  
ACCIDENT DATA BETWEEN USG AND GOY AS WELL AS BETWEEN  
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3. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF GOY DESIRES  
REGARDING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THIS ACCIDENT REPORT ASAP.  
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